

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 28, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jo Daviess County Chairperson Scott Toot called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 in the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** was answered as follows: Present – John Korth, Robert O’Connor and Scott Toot. Present: 3. Present electronically - Steve Allendorf, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Lang, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Present electronically: 12. Absent – Robert Heurman and Andrew Townsend. Absent: 2.

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Chairperson Toot.

Andrew Townsend joined the meeting electronically at 5:03 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM I – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2020 County Board meeting was made by John Schultz and seconded by John Lang.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**AGENDA ITEM II - CITIZENS’ COMMENTS**

There were no citizens’ comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM III – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business brought before the board at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM IV – NEW BUSINESS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A motion to approve a *Resolution to Establish a Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Grant Program* was made by William Bingham and seconded by Hendrica Regez.

Discussion was had regarding applicant eligibility. Board members do not want to exclude applications from business owners that may have applied for the federal “Paycheck Protection Program”, but have not yet received a decision.

A motion to amend the original motion to include language in Exhibit A under “Eligibility”; to allow business owners who are awaiting notification on their federal “Paycheck Protection Program” applications to be allowed to apply for the Small Business Stabilization Grant (SBSG) program with the understanding that any federal “Paycheck Protection Program” award would require the applicant to repay any SBSG program award was made by William Bingham and seconded by Hendrica Regez.

The amendment carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Steve Allendorf, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heurman. Absent: 1.

The amended motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes – Steve Allendorf, William Bingham, Lucas Bourquin, Staci Duerr, Diane Gallagher, Don Hill, John Korth, John Lang, Robert O’Connor, Hendrica Regez, John Schultz, Ron Smith, Scott Toot, Andrew Townsend, LaDon Trost, and Don Zillig. Ayes: 16. Nays: 0. Absent – Robert Heurman. Absent: 1.

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A motion to appoint Staci Duerr, LaDon Trost, Scott Toot, Melisa Hammer, Dan Reimer, Eric Tison and Emily Legal to the Jo Daviess County Ad-Hoc County Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Committee was made by Robert O'Connor and seconded by Lucas Bourquin.

The motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to approve a request by Sheriff Turner to solicit bids for the replacement of two squad vehicles was made by LaDon Trost and seconded by John Schultz.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**AGENDA ITEM V – BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

Steve Allendorf supports the creation of the SBSG program, but feels the board may have moved too quickly. He would have liked to see how potential problems will work out in other counties that are exploring the same type of program.

John Lang referred back to an earlier discussion that raised the question as to whether or not awards would be prorated to allow for all eligible applicants to receive funding or if awards would be cut off when the total \$250,000.00 is expended. Scott Toot replied that will be the newly created committee's decision, but as a member, he feels the county should help as many business owners as possible.

LaDon Trost expressed his profound gratitude for Chairperson Toot and thanked him for his tireless efforts to protect the citizens of Jo Daviess County. This sentiment was echoed by various board members.

Board members echoed their appreciation for staff members that have diligently worked during this time and also community members that have abided by the Governor's Executive Order to shelter in place.

**AGENDA ITEM VI – CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Emily Legel, NWILED, on behalf of all small business owners in Jo Daviess County, thanked the board for creating the SBSG program.

Tammy Trebian, Hanover, thanked the board for their quick action on creating the SBSG program.

**AGENDA ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by John Korth and seconded by Hendrica Regez.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Chairperson Toot adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at the Jo Daviess County Board Room, Jo Daviess County Courthouse in Galena, Illinois.